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FINAL REPORT OF THE LASER CLASSIFICATION PANEL

The letter from the Chairman of the Laser Classification Panel to the Chairman of the AEC, dated May 24, 1971, which constitutes the final report of the Panel, has outlined a basis for some modification of the Commission's current laser classification policy. The letter deals in rather broad terms with the concept of "gradual declassification" in the classification of information dealing with the application of lasers to fusion reactions. This is a basic concept which the AEC has already applied in the field of materials research, and one which we believe can be applied in the laser application field as well.

To carry out this new policy, some changes in the current laser classification bulletin, WNP-36, will be required. Accordingly, I have asked Carson Mark and Jack Rosengren, with the assistance, as needed, of Carl Haussmann of Livermore and Keith Boyer of Los Alamos, to draft the necessary modifications to our current laser classification rules so that the revised rules can be discussed by the Committee of Senior Reviewers at their next meeting on June 23.

The revised laser classification rules which will be the result of these deliberations will be presented to the Commission for consideration as soon as possible and, if the Commission approves, to the DOD for concurrence.

If the Commission has no objection I plan to send a copy of Dr. Seitz' May 24 letter to Dr. Walske, ATSD(AE), and to Dr. Foster, DDR&E.

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Copies have already been sent to the Panel members and to the Committee of Senior Reviewers.

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